

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Area 3 - Lower Basin - Range

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Area 3 - Lower Basin - Range		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Wildlife – Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Weeds - Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Water Quality – Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Grazing Lands - Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a planned grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Pollinator Habitat – Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other Local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Rangeland Health	
2. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP between 1 to 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 4 to 6?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 7 to 9?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

5. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, between 10 to 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the change in the Rangeland Health Score, as calculated using the designated Rangeland Health scoresheet for EQIP, greater than 12?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat Benefits (For WHEG questions note it has to be an increase not a WHEG Score.)	
7. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.7.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.6, but <0.7.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.5, but <0.6.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.4, but <0.5.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.3, but <0.4.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Using the appropriate WHEG(s), the qualitative increase in habitat improvement will be >0.2, but <0.3.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Do the project practices enhance habitats for identified threatened or endangered species found in the project area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Ecological Site/Similarity Index	
15. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 5% above the current similarity index?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 10% above the current similarity index?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Will the practices when implemented provide for an increase of at least 15% above the current similarity index?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Other Resource Benefits	
18. Will a fire suppression practice be included in the contract (fire resistant borders)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Do the project practices provide control on the contracted acres for noxious or invasive species identified by the county weed control board?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation	
20. Does the application contain practices to address an alternative energy source (solar, wind, hydro)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Other Concerns	
21. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule or in non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: